

Approved by the Board of Trustees
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AMEND THE PRAIRIELAND ENERGY, INC., BYLAWS

Action: Amend the Prairieland Energy, Inc., Bylaws

Funding: No New Funding Required

The University procures energy commodities and related energy services from market sources through Prairieland Energy, Inc. (Prairieland), a University-related organization. Prairieland was authorized by the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (the Board of Trustees) in September 1996 to provide low-cost energy for the benefit of the University and others. It provides an efficient vehicle for flexible, economical, and real-time participation in wholesale energy markets, resulting in cost savings and other benefits to the University. The Board of Trustees is the Sole Member of Prairieland and as such is responsible for approving amendments to Prairieland's corporate bylaws.

In section 1.3 of the Prairieland Bylaws, the Corporate Purposes restrict the scope of Prairieland's procurement activities to energy commodities and energy services. The University has requested that Prairieland provide additional services for transacting with private, public, and municipal utility suppliers, including but not limited to, natural gas, electricity, water, sanitary, chilled water, and steam. As a result, the Prairieland

Board recommends expanding the scope of its Corporate Purposes to include Utility Services providing Prairieland the authority to deliver these services to the University in a cost effective and efficient manner.

The Prairieland Bylaws do not specifically address Officer Successions which occur periodically. To help facilitate officer changes, the Prairieland Board recommends that a new section 6.10 be inserted to cover Officer Successions.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Accordingly, the Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller recommends adoption of the proposed policy modification.

The President of the University concurs.